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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Duffy et al.

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SYSTEM

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2000 be extended for a period of three month(s) from March 6, 2001 to and including June 5, 2001.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$890.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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